

methods and take concrete steps to counter law and order problems as well as terrorist activities. Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. As a result of coordinated action, several terrorist modules have been neutralized.

Funds are also reimbursed to the States under the Scheme of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, incurred by the States on combating terrorist/militant/extremist activities.

Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 has been promulgated, which would enable States to curb terrorist activities more effectively.

Security threats to VIPs due to anonymous calls

1119. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an anonymous calls at the Head Office of Intelligence Bureau has put the Delhi Police and other investigating agencies on high alert;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to ensure the security of the VIPs and people in general?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO):(a) and (b) No anonymous call was received at the Head Office of the Intelligence Bureau.

(c) Security of VIPs and people in general is being reviewed from time to time in view of the inputs received regarding terrorist attempts to target VIPs, important Government establishments, installations, known commercial centres and historical monuments of

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national importance. Delhi Police is taking necessary measures to counter the threat.

Inter-Ministerial group to fight terrorism

1120. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high level Inter-Ministerial Group to fight against terrorism;
- (b) if so, the constituents of the Group; and
- (c) the details of the work proposed for the Group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Inter-Agency Group on Counter-Terrorism (IAGCT) comprising representatives of the Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs, Defence, Finance, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and concerned Government agencies has been set up by the Ministry of External Affairs on 8th October, 2001 with the objectives of:

- (i) articulating a clear and specific Indian stance on global terrorism;
- (ii) communicating accurate information to friendly Governments;
- (iii) advising Government on information/queries/responses arising out of inputs from foreign Governments;
- (iv) advising Government on both domestic and foreign media responses to terrorist activities; and
- (v) advising Government on interactions with foreign interest groups on terrorism related issues.